



Report of Project Activities

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Business Partnerships



PROGRESS REPORT

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust NAME OF PROJECT: Heavy Equipment Operation Training REPORT PERIOD: June 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Briefly describe the grant activities undertaken during the period and any accomplishments achieved.

We had two projects begin during this report period. The first class, which began June 2, 2003, was a continuation of our Heavy Equipment Operator Training at the Palmer Training Site, which we have done under the Denali Training Fund Grant for the past three years. The second class began June 23, 2003 in the village of Venetie.

Palmer Training

There were 20 rural individuals that applied and were accepted for the 4-week training at our Palmer Training Site from June 2, 2003 to June 27, 2003. All the individuals were drug tested upon reaching the training site. 5 individuals were sent home within the first week of class for various reasons (failed drug testing, requested to go home, drinking/arrested). The remaining 15 individuals received training in Heavy Equipment Operation, North Slope Training (NSTC) and First Aid/CPR completing the four-week program and received Certificates of Completion.

Venetie Training

We had a great deal of interest on the part of the local residents for heavy equipment training with the hopes of getting hired by Brice Construction to work on the Venetie Airport Project. The Trust worked with the Venetie Village Council to put together a list of potential trainees. Drug testing was done and a final group of 16 trainees were chosen. Two instructors were sent to Venetie to train the individuals both in Heavy Equipment Operation and Gradechecking.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

Describe the grant activities you expect to complete during the next month.

Completion of the Venetie Training through July 10, 2003. It is uncertain at the time of this writing whether we will be continuing with the Palmer Site training for this season.

PROBLEMS, DELAYS OR CONCERNS EXPERIENCED:

Are the grant activities progressing as planned? If not, what is the cause? Identify if there are any areas the Alaska Workforce Investment Office can provide assistance.

Grant funding was not approved early enough for us to start planning for the Palmer class. Not enough time for ANCET or the local native corporation to drug test at the local level and really interview the individuals to make certain they were the best possible candidates for the training. As a result travel funding was spent on individuals that either failed drug testing or that were not really interested in the training. Our experience has been when we have more time for the interview process that we have a higher success rate for completion of training.

POSSIBLE PROBLEM RESOLUTIONS AND TIMEFRAMES:

For any problems identified, describe how you will resolve them and how long it will take.

We have experienced problems with getting the grant applications filled out when we have a class in the villages. We will work closer with the instructors that travel to the village to make certain they have the applications filled out prior to the class beginning.

Drug testing in the villages is a little more difficult to coordinate. We will be working closer with the liaison there to make certain everyone attending the class has been drug tested.

Certification: I certify that the above information is true and correct and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Tim Jurgensen, Administrator

Name and Title

Signature

Date